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1. JAGOTA IS EXPECTED BACK IN NEW DELHI JULY 7. WE HAVE INFORMED HIS OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF U.S. DELEGATION AND OF AMBASSADOR LEARSON'S WISH TO INTIVE JAGOTA AND GOKHALE TO LUNCH WHICH AMBASSADOR SAXBE WILL BE GLAD TO HAVE AT ROOSEVELT HOUSE. APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY FIXED FOR LATE JULY 13 AFTERNOON AND REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN ALSO BEING MADE. JAGOTA HAS THUS FAR NOT INFORMED US WHEN MEETINS WITH LEARSON TEAM WILL TAKE PLACE BUT WE BELIEVE AMBASSADOR LEARSON AND PARTY SHOULD PLAN ON REMAINING IN DELHI UNTIL ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIME JULY 14.

2. MEBASSY AND DATT ARE REQUESTING SEPARATE CALL BY ADMIRAL MORRIS ON INDIAN CHIEF OF NALAL STAFF CURSETJI. ADM MORRIS IS FIRST JCS STAFF MEMBER TO VISIT INDIA IN SEVERAL YEARS AND REQUEST IS BEING MADE IN THAT CONTEXT. INDIAN NAVY IS IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN INDIAN LOS THINKING BUT OTHER THAN TECHNICAL ADVISOR COMMODORE FRAZER (NAVAL HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE), IT IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN SEPARATE ACCESS TO SENIOR NAVAL LEVELS FOR LOS DISCUSSIONS. WE HOPE ADM MORRIS VISIT WILL PROVIDE SUCH FORTUNATE OPPORTUNITY.

3. WE WILL DISCUSS WITH JAGOTA OTHER GOI OFFICIALS ON WHOM
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AMBASSADOR LEARSON MIGHT CALL. OUR STRONG IMPRESSION HAS

BEEN THAT INDIAN LOS POSITIONS HAVE BEEN PUT TOGETHER IN WORKING-LEVEL SESSIONS IN WHICH JAGOTA HAS PLAYED PRE-DOMINANT ROLE. NO GOI MINISTERS OTHER THAN GOKHALE HAVE PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES WITH THE PROCESS OR WITH SPECIFIC INDIAN POSITIONS, WE WE DOUBT THERE ARE ANY OTHER THAN GOKHALE WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS. BUT WE WILL CHECK FURTHER.

4. AMBASSADOR SAXBE WILL PARTICIPATE IN CALLS ON MINISTERS AND, IF POSSIBLE, ON FOREIGN SECRETARY. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE MORE DETAILED SCHEDULE FOR VISIT AFTER JAGOTA RETURNS TO DELHI FROM KUALA LUMPUR AND WE ARE ABLE TO PIN HIM DOWN ON SPECIFICS.

5. POLCOUNSELLOR PAUL KREISBERG WILL MEET AMB LEARSON ON ARRIVAL AND DAO OFFICER WILL MEET ADM MORRIS.
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